



PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD

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To: Superintendents, Directors (HR, Special Education, Curriculum, Business Services, Other Educational Entities), and Principals

From: Nish Goicolea, PTSB Executive Director

Discussion: PTSBGoals for 2019, Renewal Date Changes, Online System (ECS), Computing Technology, Micro-Credentialing, Dual Language Immersion, Science Generalist, Professional, Industry & Career Permit, Consultant Specialist Permit

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More resources for our stakeholders are the PTSB Board Members who each represent different areas of the Wyoming education community. Our current Board Members are:

Board Member	Position
Sara Reed	Elementary Teacher
vacant	Elementary Teacher
Jennifer Schultze	Secondary Teacher
Liesl Sisson	Secondary Teacher
Dixie Brackman	Secondary Teacher
Dan Mayer	Auxiliary Professional Services
Jenna Shim	Approved Programs Faculty
Ray Reutzel	College of Education Dean
Aaron Jensen	Community College Faculty (Vice Chair)
Liann Brenneman	Elementary Principal
Tracy Ragland	Secondary Principal (Board Chair)
Mike Hamel	Central Office Administrator
Janice Marshall	School Board Member

PTSB GOALS FOR 2019



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PTSB has several major goals for 2019. We are hoping to be fully integrated into the new electronic certification system, we are in the process of revamping professional development, reviewing our Chapter 9 rules on Discipline, communicating pathways to Computer Science endorsement, examining all CTE pathways, and continuing to be a resource for the districts in Wyoming.

RENEWAL DATE CHANGES

As of January 2019 all standard and initial licenses will be expiring on the individual's birthday rather than their application intake day. The goal of this change is to spread the renewals out during the entire year and hopefully help applicants remember their expiration date.

ONLINE SYSTEM: EDUCATOR CREDENTIALING, ASSIGNMENT VALIDATION, AND REPORTING SYSTEM

PTSB continues to work with our vendor, inLumon, to create our educator credentialing system. inLumon recently finished the Nevada educator credentialing system and have contracted with numerous other licensing agencies in Wyoming, Nevada, and California. Board Staff are working to finalize the new system with inLumon. The project is anticipated to go live this year. As we continue to progress we will let you know of our external launch date, with trainings and user information to follow.

COMPUTER SCIENCE /COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY

Just a reminder that we have an exception authorization (EA) for "Computing Technology" in place. This EA allows an educator to teach a Computing Technology (Computer Science) course aligned to a district-approved professional development plan. The Board Office, in consultation with the greater Computer Science stakeholder group, has model plans, a professional development plan template, and instructions on the parameters of this new avenue for districts to utilize as a resource. Districts should know that **ANY** licensed teacher is eligible for this EA with the goal to integrate computer science across the curriculum. We also have sample plans we can share with districts upon request. We will be calling all the districts to discuss this further.

MICRO-CREDENTIALING

Micro-credentialing continues to be researched by PTSB as a possible way to recognize professional development programs by awarding a badge to educator certificates. Micro-credentialing is focused on competency-based learning to acquire skills. UW is working on 3 pilot-programs. Please be aware that not all micro-credentials are created equal and we have had several vendors promoting micro-credentials that are **NOT** PTSB approved. If your district is interested in a vendor supported micro-credentials please call us first to ensure we will accept the credits.

SCIENCE GENERALIST ENDORSEMENT

A reminder that the PTSB Board promulgated rules to revive the science generalist endorsement last year. This rule has been approved and is an option for an added endorsement. Contact our agency for more information.

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION EXCEPTION AUTHORIZATION

A reminder we have an approved EA for DLI that is available to all districts. Please contact our agency for more options.

PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY & CAREER PERMIT (PIC)

The PTSB Board recently promulgated rules to modify the PIC permit. This change allows alignment with industry credentialing standards and certification. The 3 areas that still require a bachelor's degree are Business, Agriculture, and Family & Consumer Science, all other industry areas need only be in compliance with the industry requirements. We are also examining other opportunities for CTE instructors. Please contact our agency for more information.



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CONSULTANT SPECIALIST PERMIT

The PTSB Board approved the use of the Consultant Specialist Permit to be utilized in place of the Rural Waivers, and as a tool for districts to request an instructor in an unusual circumstance who is “highly and uniquely qualified”. Please reference our PTSB Rules Chapter 6(c), or call the agency for more information.

PTSB STAKEHOLDER VISITS

If your district would like to schedule PTSB Staff to visit in person or virtually, please contact the PTSB office at 307-777-7291. The staff members at PTSB are always available as a resource for your district needs.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

1. Monday, March 20, 2019 – 3:00 p.m., Virtual – Regular Board Meeting
2. Monday, June 10-12, 2019-Board Retreat- Cheyenne, WY

The following PTSB Meetings have been scheduled. Other meetings may be scheduled as necessary to conduct Board business. To receive notice of Board Meetings and agendas, contact Ashley Graham at ashley.graham@wyo.gov.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS

We are available and open to **all discussions that fall within the agency parameters of program approval, discipline, and licensure**. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you would like to share with PTSB, please do not hesitate to contact our office. The PTSB is actively working to improve dialogue, implement changes **proactively**, be a **resource**, and **plan for the future** to meet our mission “to ensure that every student is served by competent, ethical educators, who meet rigorous performance standards” in Wyoming. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.